

**Executive Order 2009-01
(Supersedes Executive Order 95-2)**

**Designating the Arizona Department of Commerce as the State Agency
Responsible for Preparing Official Population Estimates and Projections for Arizona;
Establishing the Arizona Futures Commission**

WHEREAS, the Arizona Data Estimates and Projections Task Force created by Executive Order 2006-04 made recommendations for the improvement of Arizona's population estimates and projections; and

WHEREAS, a set of official annual population estimates and periodic population projections is required by Federal law and needed for the State's planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, the need exists to revise Executive Order 95-2 to designate the Arizona Department of Commerce as the State agency responsible for official population estimates and projections, with the Arizona Department of Economic Security having final signature approval of population estimates by authority of the Constitution, Article 9, Section 20 and A.R.S. 41-1954;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Commerce ("Commerce") shall be the agency designated to produce the official population estimates and projections for the State of Arizona.
2. The Arizona Futures Commission (the "Commission") is hereby created to assist Commerce in this endeavor. The Commission shall present Commerce with recommendations about (a) organizational, strategic, and operational planning related to producing population estimates and projections; (b) establishing project research agendas; and (c) defining the projects' product deliverables.
3. The Commission shall be comprised of one representative from each of the following agencies and institutions:

Arizona Department of Commerce (chair)
Arizona Governor's Office
Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Department of Education
Arizona Department of Health Services
Arizona Department of Revenue
Arizona Department of Housing
Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona Department of Water Resources
Arizona State Land Department
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
League of Arizona Cities and Towns

County Supervisors Association of Arizona
Central Arizona Association of Governments
Maricopa Association of Governments
Northern Arizona Council of Governments
Pima Association of Governments
South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization
Western Arizona Council of Governments
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
Navajo Nation

The Commission members shall have their chief executive officer or senior level administrator represent them on the Commission. Commission members serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Governor.

4. Commerce shall create a Council for Technical Solutions (the "Council") whose task will be to provide recommendations to Commerce on the technical means that will improve the quality of the population data, methodology, standards, and analytic techniques. The Council shall be comprised of the following:

The State Demographer of the Arizona Department of Commerce (chair)
A representative of each of the three State universities in Arizona
A representative of each of the six Regional Councils of Governments in Arizona
A representative of the Arizona Department of Health Services
A representative of the Arizona Department of Transportation
One or more demographic experts selected by Commerce

5. Commerce shall produce annual official population estimates, which shall be dated as of July 1 and released to the public by December 15 of that same year. The official population estimates shall include estimates for the State, its counties, its incorporated jurisdictions and the unincorporated balance of each county.
6. Commerce shall produce the official population projections for each year of the next 25 year forecast period. The projections shall be dated as of July 1 and shall include projections for the State, its counties, its incorporated jurisdictions and the unincorporated balance of each county.
7. Commerce shall release the State and county projections as soon as possible following the release of detailed decennial census data by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, but no later than December 31st in years ending in 2. These projections shall be updated twice, at three year intervals, prior to the release of the next decennial census data. That is, projections shall be released no later than December 31st in years ending in 5 and 8.
8. Commerce shall release the projections for the State's incorporated jurisdictions and the unincorporated balance of each county as soon as possible following the release of the State and county projections, but no later than nine months thereafter.
9. All executive branch State agencies shall cooperate with Commerce by providing access to records necessary to calculate the population estimates and projections. To allow for year to

year and longitudinal comparisons of estimates and projections, all executive branch State agencies that provide data used by Commerce to formulate its estimates and projections (e.g. rates of births, deaths, school enrollment, etc.) must ensure each year's data is collected and measured using methods consistent from year to year, starting as of the year 2000.

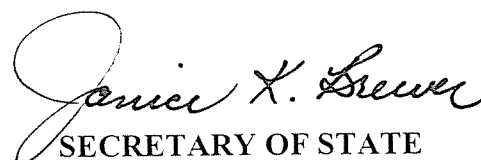
10. Commerce shall work with the Regional Councils of Governments to obtain data necessary to calculate the population estimates and projections, including the Regional Councils of Governments' population estimates and projections for incorporated jurisdictions and the unincorporated balance of counties. To be useful to Commerce, the Regional Council of Governments must provide work files sufficient in detail that Commerce can confirm the assumptions and methods are consistent with the Commerce's assumptions and methods of calculating population estimates and projections. The Regional Councils of Governments must submit population projection data for incorporated jurisdictions and the unincorporated balance of counties to Commerce no later than six months after Commerce's release of State and county population projections in order to be included in Commerce's projections.
11. Commerce shall have its Council for Technical Solutions develop a user challenge process by which any city, county, or Regional Council of Government included in the population estimates may challenge Commerce's annual population estimates. The challenge must be made within 90 days of the official release of the annual population estimates. The user challenge process shall explicitly identify the data required from cities, counties, or Regional Councils of Governments invoking a challenge, as well as what materials will be given in aid to the cities, counties, or Regional Councils of Governments for the challenge. This shall be a cooperative process between Commerce and the challenging government.
12. Population estimates and population projections produced by Commerce in accordance with this Executive Order shall be used by all State agencies for all purposes, including those required by federal law, which necessitate the development of population estimates or population projections.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on the 2 day of January in the year Two Thousand and Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Third.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

